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Investigators (in 1993) now report that they deciphered much of the story on the four-ton stone (found in La Mojarra, Mexico) making it the earliest known readable text in the Americas.

The language of the ancient inscription which dates to A.D. 159 served as the ancestral tongue of four closely related languages now spoken in southern

Mexico (the scientists assert). Moreover, the script
bears a close relationship to Mayan hiero-
glyphics, which emerged after A.D. 250 in
the vicinity of the YUCATAN Peninsula
(the scientists contend) (Pg 180 Science News
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